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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 1, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street , SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Contact with FCC Staff in CC Docket 99-200

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the People of the State of California submit for filing this notice of recent ex parte communications with FCC staff. The ex parte communication was oral and occurred during during a telephone conversation on Friday, July 25, 2003.

I telephoned Pam Slipakoff to inquire as to how the FCC had decided, in the *FNPRM* included in the *Fourth Report & Order* released June 18, 2003, to seek comment on a proposal to exempt from number pooling rate centers in which only two carriers are providing service. Ms. Slipakoff informed me that AT&T had made the proposal in its comments. I pointed out to Ms. Slipakoff that California had made the opposite proposal, i.e., that the trigger for LNP and therefore for pooling should be the presence of two or more carriers in a rate center. The CPUC made that proposal in two sets of comments, I noted, but the CPUC proposal was <u>not</u> put forth by the FCC for comment. Ms. Slipakoff responded that California was free to make the proposal again in comments filed in response to the *FNPRM*.

Thank you for your assistance in making this information part of the record. If you have any questions pertaining to this filing, you may reach me at 415.703.1470.

Sincerely,

Helen M. Mickiewicz Deputy General Counsel